



PORTLAND VA MEDICAL CENTER

*Portland, Oregon Division
Vancouver, Washington Division
Community Based Outpatient Clinics
Salem, OR Bend, OR
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NOTICE OF VACANCY

1. <u>Announcement Number</u> T38H-06-452-JB	2. <u>Title, Series, Grade, Salary</u> Pharmacist, Clinical Specialist (Mental Health) GS-660-12 target 13 or GS-13 \$75,655 to \$100,936 per annum	3. <u>Tour of Duty</u> Dayshift	4. <u>Duty Station</u> Pharmacy Service, Portland, OR
5. <u>Type & Number of Vacancies</u> Permanent 1 Full-Time position	6. <u>Contact</u> Human Resources Assistant 503-220-8262 x 57317	7. <u>Opening Date</u> 08-02-06	8. <u>Closing Date</u> Until Filled 1st consideration date 08-15-06

WHO MAY APPLY TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are permanent employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Office, Veterans Outreach Center and Veteran's Canteen.
- Any US Citizen

MAJOR DUTIES:

The Clinical Pharmacist Specialist (CPS) provides specialized Clinical Pharmacy Services to Medical/Psychiatric inpatients to facilitate rational drug therapy, optimize patient care and monitor formulary utilization. The clinical specialist conducts and coordinates affiliated training programs, and provides educational programs for the staff. The Clinical Specialist establishes and maintains effective cooperative relationships with professional, paraprofessional, and administrative staff. The CPS provides clinical pharmacy services that are coordinated and integrated with the overall objectives and missions of the Pharmacy Service.

THIS POSITION IS IN THE BARGAINING UNIT

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Department of Veterans Affairs Qualifications Standards applies (VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix G15) and may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Service Office.

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Graduate of a degree program in pharmacy from an approved college or university. The degree program must have been approved by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE)
- Must be a current licensed pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy in a State, Territory, Commonwealth of the United States (i.e., Puerto Rico), or the District of Columbia with at least one year of professional experience at the next lower grade or equivalent experience in private sector.
- Applicants must be able to distinguish basic colors.
- **Preference will be given to applicants with a Pharm. D., who have completed an accredited Psychiatric Residency Program or Board Certification in Psychopharmacology (BCCP).**

BASIS OF RATING: (Knowledge, Skills, Abilities (KSAs))

On a separate sheet of paper, provide a written, detailed response to each of the KSAs. Failure to respond to rating factors will result in applicant not being referred for the position:

1. Knowledge of Mental Health Clinical Pharmacy practice and specialty area of pharmacy such as quality assurance/utilization review, ADP systems, drug information, etc.
2. Knowledge of advanced pharmaceuticals, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and pharmacotherapeutics.
3. Skill in monitoring and assessing the outcome of drug therapies including assessment and interpretation of laboratory and the diagnostic parameters.
4. Ability to communicate orally and in writing with a wide variety of individuals. This would typically include beneficiaries, professionals in other health care disciplines, and health related groups in the community.
5. Knowledge of standards related to distribution and control of scheduled and non-scheduled drugs. This includes, but is not limited to, the standards established by DEA, FDA, VA, the State and JCAHO.

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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

This is an Excepted Appointment. Excepted service positions have been accepted from the requirements of the competitive service by law, Executive Order, or by OPM regulation (5 USC 2103 and 5 CFR part 213).

Although the duty station is shown in this announcement, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different location within the Portland VA Medical Center commuting area if conditions require it in the future

Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.

Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire noncitizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT INFORMATION SHEET

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

All information submitted to this VA Medical Center is subject to verification by VetPro.

A security clearance and a favorable suitability determination are required. Misconduct in prior employment, criminal, dishonest or disgraceful conduct, habitual use of intoxicating beverages, abuse of narcotics, drugs or other controlled substances, or reasonable doubt of loyalty to the United States are examples of reasons an offer of employment may be denied.

Recruitment incentive may be authorized.

EDRP may be authorized (cannot be used if appointment is temporary).

This is a developmental position. If selected below the target level, employee may be promoted without further competition upon satisfactory completion of qualification and eligibility requirements.

A drug test may be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.

A pre-employment physical examination will be required for an applicant who is tentatively selected.

Applicants appointed to direct patient care positions must be proficient in spoken and written English as required by 38USC 7402(d) and 7407(d).

[VACareers](#) has descriptions of all Title 38 Jobs and their benefits.

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

It is the policy of the Department of Veterans Affairs that all Federal wage and salary payments are paid to employees by Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT).

HOW TO APPLY:

All application packets must be received in Human Resources by Close of Business (COB) on 08-15-06 for first consideration. This position is Open until Filled. Application forms may be obtained in Human Resources Office or on our external website, www.va.gov/portland/hr/index.asp.

Applications may be mailed to:
Portland VA Medical Center, P4HRMS
Attn: T38H-06-452-JB
PO Box 1034
Portland, OR 97207

Or brought in person to:
Portland VA Medical Center
3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Rd
Building 16, Room 300
Portland OR 97239

Portland VAMC employees must submit a

1. [VAF 4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment](#)

Other VA Employees must submit

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later). **(REQUIRED)**.
4. Latest SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action
5. Copies of all current licenses
6. Latest performance appraisal

Non VA Applicants must submit:

1. [VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations](#)
2. Resume or CV
3. [OF-306, Declaration for Federal Employment](#) (January 2001 version or later). **(REQUIRED)**.
4. Veterans Preference:
 - a. DD-214, Military Discharge Paper (member copy #4 for July 1979 or later editions) (FOR 5 POINT Veteran's Preference).
 - b. [SF-15, Application for 10-point Veteran Preference](#) (December 2004 version or later)
 - c. VA letter of service-connected disability rating dated 1991 or later.
5. SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action (if applying as a current or former federal employee).
6. Copies of all current licenses.
7. A copy of your college transcripts (Optional unless education is required).

APPLICANT'S PLEASE NOTE:

- Education must be accredited by an accrediting institution recognized by the U.S. Department of Education in order for it to be credited towards qualifications (particularly positions with a positive education requirement.). Therefore, applicants must report only attendance and/or degrees from schools accredited by accrediting institutions recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Applicants can verify accreditation at the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>. All education claimed by applicants will be verified by the appointing agency accordingly.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY:

- It is the applicant's responsibility to submit documentation to support his/her application for this position. Applicant is responsible for ensuring that all experience, formal training, award recognition, etc. are documented in the application package. Experience may include voluntary or other non-paid experience in the appropriate field. If you feel that your training record contains information pertinent to your qualifications, then you must submit a printed copy of your training record with your application package. Your training record will become part of the specific vacancy file and will not be filed in Official Personnel Folder. Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications.
- **It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure timely receipt of the application, regardless of the method used for submission. The VA assumes no responsibility for the late delivery of applications (i.e. postal service delays). The Portland VA Medical Center will not accept FAX, or emailed applications or applications in a US government envelope.**